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QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether the Interstate Commerce Commission is permitted to consider all relevant evidence of "effective competition" including product and geographic competition in determining whether "market dominance" exists in individual railroad rate proceedings.

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BRIEF OF RESPONDENT RAILROADS IN OPPOSITION

The respondent railroads, listed at pp. 1a-2a, below, submit this brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Petitioners—representing primarily utilities and other coal shippers—seek review of guidelines issued in 1981 by the Interstate Commerce Commission and applied since that time in determining the factual question whether "market dominance" exists in individual railroad rate cases arising under the

¹ Ex Parte 320 (Sub. No. 2), 365 I.C.C. 118 (1981). Pet. App. D. References to "Pet. App." are to the separate appendix volume accompanying the certiorari petition.

Interstate Commerce Act. The Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, sitting *en banc*, upheld the guidelines as a reasonable exercise of the Commission's broad authority, expressly conferred by statute, to implement the market dominance concept. The agency's guidelines employ accepted tests of competition and accord with the governing statute. No conflict exists among the circuits or with any decision of this Court.

1. For almost a hundred years, between enactment of the Interstate Commerce Act in 1887 and the amending 4-R Act in 1976,³ virtually all interstate railroad rates were subject to ICC scrutiny to assure that they were reasonable and non-discriminatory. Any attempt by a railroad to raise or lower a rate could, and often did, prompt lengthy and expensive administrative proceedings. Railroads were thus subject to pricing constraints unknown in most segments of American industry.

By 1976, the premise for such extensive railroad rate regulation—railroad dominance of transportation—had long been outdated. Since World War II more than two-thirds of intercity freight tonnage had been captured by trucks, barges, pipelines, airlines and other forms of transportation. H. Rep. No. 96-1035, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 35 (1980). The result is that today, "there are few significant commodities which are not practically susceptible to transportation by at least two competing modes of surface transportation." Illinois G.C. R.R. - Acquisition, 338 I.C.C. 805, 836 (1971).

The railroads' steady loss of business after World War II matched their increasingly serious financial plight. Rates of return on capital fell to a fraction of the cost of new capital, preventing needed modernization of aging systems. Major railroads in the East followed each other into bankruptcy. In

² Western Coal Traffic League v. United States, 719 F.2d 772 (1983), Pet App. A.

³ Interstate Commerce Act, 24 Stat. 379 (1887), amended *interalia* by the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 ("4-R Act"), 90 Stat. 31, now codified in 49 U.S.C. § 10101, et seq.

enacting the 4-R Act in 1976, Congress found that cumbersome and excessive agency regulation of rates was a major cause of the railroads' financial condition and of their loss of traffic to other modes of transportation. H. Rep. No. 96-1035, supra, at 35.4

Congress enacted the 4-R Act to restore health to the rail industry by reducing ICC regulation and providing railroads with "greater freedom to raise or lower rates for rail services in competitive markets." 90 Stat. 33. Among other changes, the new law abolished maximum rate regulation wherever the railroad charging the rate lacked "market dominance." The statute defined market dominance broadly as "an absence of effective competition from other carriers or modes of transportation, for the traffic or movement to which the rate applies." Id. Congress delegated to the Commission the authority to adopt, after considering the views of the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission, "standards and procedures" for determining whether a railroad possesses market dominance in particular cases. Id.

The Commission proceeded cautiously. In its initial rules, it adopted three evidentiary presumptions providing that when certain trigger facts were proved, the Commission would rebuttably presume the existence of market dominance, leaving the railroads free to refute the showing with other evidence of effective competition. Contrary to the views of the Justice Department and the FTC, the ICC also said that it would not consider evidence of geographic or product competition in deciding whether rail service is subject to effective competition.

⁴ Congress found that these competing modes of transportation are both more prosperous and less regulated. See H. Rep. No. 96-1035, supra, at 35-36.

³ 90 Stat. 35, now codified at 49 U.S.C. §§ 10701a(b)(1), 10709(a)-(c).

⁶ Ex Parte No. 320, 353 I.C.C. 874 (tentative rules), modified, 355 I.C.C. 12 (1976) (final rules).

Since geographic and product competition are the central issue in this case, a brief description of each concept is useful:

Geographic competition exists where the ability of a shipper to obtain a product from an alternative source or send a product to a different destination restrains the railroad rate in question.⁷

Product competition exists where the ability of a shipper to use a substitutable product restrains the railroad rate in question.8

Both forms of competition have long been recognized as effective constraints on pricing, both in the railroad industry and elsewhere, in judicial decisions, agency regulation, and economic literature. See pp. 9-11, below.

On judicial review, the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the Commission's initial rules. Stressing the ICC's duty to reexamine its rules later in the light of actual experience, the court affirmed the Commission's decision not to consider product and geographic competition. The court made clear that it was upholding the decision as an exercise of agency discretion and that the statute did not compel the Commission to ignore these forms of competition. *Id.* at 633-34.

⁷ As Judge Brown explained below: "[T]he idea of geographic competition makes economic sense For example, a Chicago coal purchaser might have two alternate sources of supply: Southern Illinois and Wyoming coal being a fungible commodity[,] the Chicago purchaser has no preference between the two The carrier, if it hopes to secure the Wyoming business, must and will take the alternative source into account — a pure case of geographic competition within a market." Western Coal Traffic League v. United States, 694 F.2d 378, 398 (1982) (Pet. App. C-35) (dissent to original panel opinion).

³ For example, if a power plant can readily burn either coal or oil, the railroad rate for carrying coal from the mine to the power plant may be constrained by effective competition from another rail carrier (or a pipeline or barge) transporting oil to the same plant.

⁹ Atchison, T. & S.F. Ry. v. ICC, 580 F.2d 623 (1978). The court remanded on an aspect of the initial rules not here involved.

Shortly thereafter, the Commission in 1979 ruled in Ex Parte No. 320 that it would consider evidence of product and geographic competition to rebut presumptions of market dominance. 359 I.C.C. at 736 n.7. Accordingly, the Commission has now been considering product and geographic competition in market dominance cases for approximately five years.

2. Dissatisfied with the extent of deregulation under the 4-R Act, Congress in 1980 enacted the Staggers Rail Act. ¹⁰ The Staggers Act, *inter alia*, required the Commission to deregulate any rail rate that is below a specified percentage of the variable cost of providing the service. 94 Stat. 1900, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 10709(d). In all other respects, Congress maintained unchanged the statutory market dominance standard, stressing that it did not intend "in any way to restrict the ability of the Commission to apply [the market dominance] concept, both in its regulations and individual cases." Significantly, Congress knew that the ICC at that time was considering product and geographic competition in market dominance decisions and had announced its intention to continue doing so. ¹²

Following enactment of the Staggers Act, the ICC instituted Ex Parte No. 320 (Sub No. 2). After receiving comments from interested parties, the Commission repealed its

¹⁰ Staggers Rail Act of 1980, 94 Stat. 1895, codified in various sections of 49 U.S.C. § 10101, et seq. Congress found that the ICC's initial market dominance rules "freed up less than 30 percent of the traffic from regulation" (H. Rep. No. 96-1035, supra, at 38), even though a study performed for the ICC confirmed that less than 5 percent of all rail traffic is market dominant in the long run and only 10-15 percent in the short run. Kearny, A Study to Perform an In-Depth Analysis of Market Dominance and Its Relationship to Other Provisions of the 4-R Act, IX (1979).

¹¹ H. Rep. No. 96-1430, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 89 (1980). In 1978, in the interim between the 4-R Act and the Staggers Act, Congress recodified the entire Interstate Commerce Act. In doing so, it condensed the phrase "traffic or movement" in the market dominance provision into "transportation." 92 Stat. 1382. Congress explicitly said that no changes in meaning were intended. Id. at 1466.

original presumptions and adopted detailed guidelines describing evidentiary factors and procedural steps for making market dominance decisions. Pet. App. D. In the guidelines, it reaffirmed that it would continue to consider evidence of product and geographic competition. This last decision was supported by a wealth of evidence, including evidence of actual railroad industry practice, ¹³ the official views of the Department of Transportation, ¹⁴ and the Commission's own expert judgment that this course would foster more accurate market dominance decisions. Pet. App. at D-14.

Petitioners sought judicial review of the new guidelines on various grounds in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. ¹³ The court denied a stay, so the ICC has applied its new guidelines since 1981 and has continued to consider product and geographic competition, as it had done since 1979. Other utilities also sued in the First Circuit to prevent the ICC from applying the new guidelines to pending cases. This attempt was rejected by the First Circuit, which noted "the substantial public interest . . . in deregulation of those rail carriers who are in fact subject to effective competition." New England Power Co. v. United States, 693 F.2d 239, 245 (1982).

In the Fifth Circuit, the panel that initially reviewed the guidelines sustained them in most respects. Pet. App. C. However, by a 2-to-1 vote, the panel held that the statute did not

¹³ Railroad officers, who are responsible for making pricing decisions, confirmed with specific examples that railroads must and do take product and geographic competition into account in setting rates. See Verified Statements of R.N. Van Hook, John B. McMichael, and Timothy James Hurley submitted in Ex Parte No. 320 (Sub No. 2).

¹⁴ DOT comments in Ex Parte No. 320 (Sub No. 2). The Department of Justice and the FTC had earlier expressed the same position. See p.3, above.

¹⁵ The new guidelines (Pet. App. at D-19 - D-24), together with the explanatory decision (*id.* at D-1 - D-19) reflect a detailed code of substantive and procedural rules for market dominance determinations, and petitioners in the Court of Appeals initially attacked a number of different elements in the guidelines. In this Court, petitioners appear to have abandoned all of their attacks except the claim that the Commission was not permitted to continue to consider product and geographic competition.

permit the Commission to consider evidence of product and geographic competition. Id. at C-18 - C-21. On rehearing en banc, the full court held 8 to 2¹⁶ that the statute did not prevent evidence of product and geographic competition. Pet. App. A. The en banc decision noted that prohibiting the Commission from considering product and geographic competition "[u]ndoubtedly" would continue regulation of some competitive rates, a result that "flies in the face of Congress' stated policy of deregulation of rates subject to effective market control." Id. at A-11. The effect of the en banc decision was to sustain in all respects the Commission's guidelines.

REASONS FOR DENYING THE WRIT

In the 4-R Act, Congress defined market dominance in general terms, and it delegated to the ICC the responsibility to delineate and apply the concept. In this case, the ICC permissibly exercised its expert discretion in adopting the challenged guidelines. The Commission had ample basis for considering evidence of product and geographic competition, which are competitive forces widely recognized in law and business as capable of effectively restraining prices including railroad rates. There is no conflict among the circuits or with any decision of this Court and no other reason for further review in this case.

This Case Does Not Merit Review Under Accepted Standards for Certiorari.

This case meets none of the established criteria for certiorari. The Commission's decision to continue considering evidence of product and geographic competition, upheld by the enbanc court below, involves only a "unique question of statutory construction" without precedential significance for other statutes. Watt v. Alaska, 451 U.S. 259, 274 (1981) (Stevens, J., concurring). No conflict exists among the circuits, and the

¹⁶ The only two dissenters from the en banc decision were the two members of the original panel majority.

Commission's approach accords with decisions of this and other courts, practice in the railroad industry, and the views of economists and legal scholars.

Every court of appeals decision that touches upon whether the Commission can admit evidence of product and geographic competition has suggested at least implicitly that such forces may be considered. Most relevant is *Atchison*, *T. & S.F. Ry.* v. *ICC*, *supra*, where the D.C. Circuit reluctantly sustained the Commission's initial refusal to consider product and geographic competition. The court there insisted that its judgment represented only a deferral to the discretion of the agency. It deprecated the argument, advanced here by petitioners, that Congress prohibited the Commission from considering product and geographic competition, suggesting that such a reading might seem "to attribute excessive significance to a terse statutory clause." 580 F.2d at 634. The court also stressed that the ICC's decision was "part of an ongoing process of agency scrutiny, correction and refinement." *Id.* at 630.17

The Commission's decision to consider product and geographic competition accords, more broadly, with numerous decisions of the courts recognizing that product and geographic

¹⁷ Other cases merit briefer mention. In *Iowa Public Service Co.* v. *ICC*, 643 F.2d 542 (1981), the Eighth Circuit upheld an ICC decision that no product or geographic competition had been proved on the facts of the particular case; the court expressed no doubt that such evidence could be considered.

In New England Power Co. v. United States, supra, the First Circuit upheld the ICC in applying the new guidelines to pending cases. While the court did not pass on the merits of the guidelines, it emphasized Congress' repeated grants of authority on the issue to the Commission and quoted this Court pertinently: "The construction of a statute by those charged with its execution should be followed unless there are compelling indications that it is wrong " 693 F.2d at 244.

Before the Commission issued its current guidelines, the Fifth Circuit remanded a market dominance decision to the ICC to explain why it was considering product and geographic competition. Central Power & Light Co. v. United States, 634 F.2d 127 (5th Cir. 1980), on rehearing, 639 F.2d 1104, cert. denied, 454 U.S. 831 (1981). If the court had thought that the statute prohibited such consideration, no remand would have been required.

competition do constrain prices. This Court has held, for example, that the price of cellophane is constrained by the availability of substitutable wrapping paper (*United States v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 351 U.S. 377 (1956))—an example of product competition—and that different Appalachian coal mines at different origins compete with one another in serving a Florida power plant (*Tampa Electric Co. v. Nashville Coal Co.*, 365 U.S. 320 (1961))—a classic instance of geographic competition. The ICC itself has considered evidence of product and geographic competition for many years in resolving other issues of competition. ¹⁸

Petitioners' suggestion that under the guidelines the Commission no longer will have jurisdiction over rates for non-competitive traffic is completely unfounded. The Commission has merely agreed to consider evidence of product and geographic competition on a case-by-case basks and give that evidence whatever weight it may be worth in demonstrating that effective competition exists. What petitioners seek is a rigid exclusionary rule that compels the Commission to ignore product and geographic competition evidence in every case, no matter how persuasive it may be.

In prior market dominance cases, the Commission has sometimes found that product and geographic competition effectively constrained the challenged rates, but sometimes it has rejected the allegations and found the rates subject to regulation. ¹⁹ Thus, actual experience since 1979 hardly substantiates shipper claims that invocation of product and geo-

¹⁸ See, e.g., Chicago & E.I.R.R. v. United States, 384 F. Supp. 298, 300-01 (N.D. Ill. 1974), aff d per curiam, 421 U.S. 956 (1975); Ex Parte No. 319, 361 I.C.C. 238, 242-43, aff d in relevant part and remanded sub nom. National Ass'n of Recycling Industries, Inc. v. ICC, 627 F.2d 1328 (D.C. Cir. 1980), modified per curiam, 449 U.S. 609 (1981); CSX Corp., 363 I.C.C. 518, 571 (1980). Indeed, in some cases, product and geographic competition have been found to be the most important competitive influence on railroad rates. Ex Parte 270 (Sub No. 4), 345 I.C.C. 71, 135, 313 (1974).

¹⁹ See, e.g., Iowa Public Service Co. v. ICC, supra; Potomac Elec. Power Co. v. B. & O. R.R., No. 37872s (served December 27, 1982); Consumers Power Co. v. N. & W. Ry. Co., No. 37854s (served March 22, 1983).

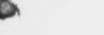
graphic competition has been an "open-sesame" to wholesale deregulation. Moreover, judicial review remains available in each individual case to assure that the Commission does not exceed Congress' directive to free competitive rates from regulation.²⁰

Petitioners claim that it is so difficult to evaluate product and geographic competition that introduction of such evidence will cause administrative delay and confusion. The Commission, however, has been considering product and geographic competition in market dominance cases since 1979 (and in other cases since the Nineteenth Century (p. 9 & n.18, above)) without encountering unusual practical difficulties. In any event, an agency's judgment about its own internal operations is entitled to exceptional deference from courts. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 435 U.S. 519, 524-25 (1978). The ICC found that its guidelines will foster expeditious market dominance decisions and actually reduce the litigation burden on shippers by their greater detail and more precise allocations of burdens of proof. Pet. App. at E-4 - E-5.

II. The Commission Has Statutory Authority to Consider Product and Geographic Competition in Market Dominance Cases.

The petition for certiorari not only fails to establish any of the usual grounds for review in this Court but the decision it seeks to have reviewed is plainly correct. The language, legislative history and purpose of the market dominance statute all demonstrate that there is nothing in the statute that precludes the Commission from considering product and geographic competition in determining whether there is effective competition for the traffic involved.

²⁰ Any final decision by the Commission that it will not apply the reasonableness standard to rates for particular traffic because effective competition exists is subject to judicial review, whether the finding of effective competition is based on product and geographic competition or on any other form of competition. See, e.g., Central Power & Light Co. v. United States, supra.



Congress defined market dominance broadly in terms of "effective competition" and did not distinguish among types of competition that could be considered. It also delegated to the Commission the authority to promulgate standards for determining market dominance. As the Court below stated,

"The 4R Act does not contain a detailed congressional formula for determining market dominance. Instead, it contains a generally phrased test designed to achieve a stated goal—deregulation of rail rates subject to effective competition." Pet. App. at A-9.

The legislative history also confirms that Congress intended the Commission to look to economic reality in determining the existence of competitive forces effective to restrain rates. The final 4-R Act Conference Report states, "it is intended that when the Commission administers the test, it will recognize the absence of forces which normally govern competitive markets." H. Rep. No. 94-781, 94th Cong., 2nd Sess. 148 (1976) (emphasis added). As already noted, the Department of Justice, and other Government agencies expert in evaluating competitive conditions, have long supported the Commission's view that product and geographic competition do constrain rates in the real world and that evidence of such constraints should be considered in market dominance cases. Expert antitrust scholars and commentators agree that such forces can and do constrain prices.²¹

Common sense, brought to bear through a single example, supports the same conclusion. Consider a single power plant, sited on a river and served by a single rail line carrying coal from one mine; and assume that it is served also by a single barge line carrying coal from a second coal mine at a different origin. If the railroad raises its rates unduly or the quality of the service is poor, the plant may well be able to use the barge line to provide it with coal, creating effective competition

²¹ See, e.g., 2 P. Areeda & D. Turner, Antitrust Law, ** 502, 504, 523-28 (1978); F. Scherer, Industrial Market Structure and Economic Performance 60-61 (2d ed. 1980); Landes & Posner, "Market Power in Antitrust Cases," 94 Harv. L. Rev. 937, 960-72 (1981).

constraining the railroad rate. There is no reason why such evidence of barge competition should be excluded automatically in market dominance cases.²²

Petitioners' claim that the Commission and the *en banc* Court erred rests only on a labored construction of the bare language of the statute. Petitioners concede that nothing in the statute specifically forbids considering product and geographic competition, but they argue that in those instances the railroad and the competing carrier do not compete "for the movement" to which the challenged rated applies, because a "movement" usually refers to the carriage of a product between two fixed points. They conclude that the carrier offering product or geographic competition may compete "with" the movement at issue but cannot compete "for" it.²¹

But a court "cannot infer so much from so little." Permian Basin Area Rate Cases, 390 U.S. 747, 774 (1968). The statutory language speaks of effective competition "for the traffic or movement." "Traffic," a well-established railroad concept, embraces an array of movements from several origins or to several destinations (e.g., the ICC has spoken of "source [geographic] competition for coal traffic" in the Southeast, CSX Corp., supra, 363 I.C.C. at 571) and embraces transportation of many substitutable commodities (e.g., traffic in fresh fruits and vegetables from Florida). A carrier who offers product

Whether the barge line does provide effective competition for the railroads, in the particular circumstances, is a factual question the agency might have to resolve, just as it would have to resolve the question whether two railroads running side by side were effective competitors for particular traffic. Petitioners' position, however, is that the agency may not even consider the evidence under the market dominance statute.

²³ Petitioners also argue that the statutory phrase "from other carriers" excludes product and geographic competition. This construction is without merit. Product and geographic competition in this context are offered by other carriers moving substitutable goods or the same goods from different origins or to different destinations.

²⁴ See, e.g., A. L. Mechling Barge Lines, Inc. v. United States, 368 U.S. 324, 326 (1961) (competition between barges for grain "traffic from the producing areas into Chicago"); United States v. ICC, 352 U.S. 158, 160 (1956) ("military export traffic").

and geographic competition competes "for" the same traffic to which a rate applies, because if the rate is too high the competing carrier will take away the transportation business.

Petitioners also say that Congress in the Staggers Act did not change materially the statutory definition of market dominance, arguing that Congress thereby "reenacted" and approved the Commission's pre-existing decision as to whether it would consider product and geographic competition. This argument undermines the petitioners' position rather than assists them. At the time Congress enacted the Staggers Act in 1980, the ICC had already in 1979 expressly stated that it would consider product and geographic competition in determining market dominance and had in fact decided cases based upon the presence or absence of these forces. See p. 5, above. Since Congress knew of the ICC's position, any "reenactment" of the market dominance test without change validates the Commision's current position.²⁵

It has also been argued that product and geographic competition are implicitly barred because Congress in passing the Staggers Act considered—but did not pass—a provision that would have required the Commission to consider geographic competition under a specific and compulsory statutory definition. The opponents of that proposed definition said that they did not object as such to the consideration of geographic competition but merely to the formulation in the proposed

²⁵ Congress not only knew of the ICC's ongoing consideration of these forces but criticized the ICC for acting ad hoc instead of by rulemaking. In this case, the ICC has acted by rulemaking. See House Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight, Report on Railroad Coal Rates, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 88 (1980).

²⁶ This argument is made in an amici brief (p.15) filed on behalf of several Congressmen. Post hoc claims by individual Congressmen are not appropriate evidence of congressional intent. E.g., Regional Rail Reorganization Act Cases, 419 U.S. 102, 132 (1974). Amici's counsel has been associated with one of the law firms currently representing petitioners in this case.

statute. There is thus no plausible inference that Congress meant to bar the Commission from developing its own definitions of product and geographic competition. In any event, Congress itself specifically negated any such inference in its final Conference Report on the Staggers Act:

"Maintenance of the 'market dominance' standard is not intended in any way to restrict the ability of the Commission to apply this concept, both in its regulations and individual cases." H. Rep. No. 96-1430, supra, at 89.

Courts generally defer, of course, to the interpretation of a statute by the expert agency charged with its administration. *Udall* v. *Tallman*, 380 U.S. 1 (1965). The deference required is even greater where, as here, the ICC is actually exercising a delegated power to prescribe "standards and procedures" in order to elaborate and implement a broadly phrased statutory directive. In such circumstances, "Congress entrusts to the [agency], rather than to the courts, the primary responsibility for interpreting the statutory term." *Batterton* v. *Francis*, 432 U.S. 416, 425 (1977). Whatever rubric one employs to measure the Commission's action—literal language, legislative history,

²⁷ Then Congressman Eckhardt, the principal opponent of the proposed statutory definition, said at that time that he considered it "perfectly proper" to "deprive the ICC of jurisdiction" where there existed a "true alternative source"; but he objected that the proposed definition was not properly drafted to achieve this result. 126 Cong. Rec. H6011 (daily ed. July 2, 1980).

²⁸ See, e.g., Farmland Industries, Inc. v. United States, 642 F.2d 208, 211-13 (7th Cir. 1981) (Congress' rejection of a bill requiring the ICC to consider a factor did not bar ICC from considering the factor in applying its own flexible rule).

because the agency once held a different view; but agencies are expected to modify their rules and policies in response to experience and reflection. American Trucking Ass'ns v. Atchison, T. & S.F. Ry., 387 U.S. 397, 416 (1967). As for the amici's claim (pp.5-9) that the ICC lost its authority to change market dominance rules, this is squarely refuted by the legislative history quoted in text on this page.

statutory purpose, or deference to expertise and precedent—the Commission had ample basis for its decision in this case. 300

³⁰ Petitioners (p.14) and amici (p.17) also argue that Section 205 of the Staggers Act, 94 Stat. 1905, impliedly prohibits the ICC from considering product and geographic competition in determining market dominance. Not only is the inference wrong, but Section 205 itself explicitly forbids such an inference in subsection (a)(3)(B).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, the petition for certiorari should be denied.

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APPENDIX

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LIST OF PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, AND AFFILIATES OF RESPONDENT RAILROADS, PURSUANT TO SUP. CT. R. 28.1

1. The CSX Corporation is the parent of respondents:

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY SEABOARD SYSTEM RAILROAD, INC. WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 1.

- 2. Burlington Northern, Inc., is the parent of respondent BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 2.
- 3. The Chicago Northwestern System is the parent of respondent CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN TRANS-PORTATION COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 3.
- 4. Illinois Central Industries, Inc., is the parent of respondent ILLINOIS CENTRAL GULF RAILROAD COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 4.
- 5. Union Pacific Corporation is the parent of respondents MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY and UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 5.
- 6. Norfolk Southern Corporation is the parent of respondents NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY and SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 6.
- 7. Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. is the parent of respondent SANTA FE INDUSTRIES, INC.; it is also the parent of Southern Pacific Company, which is the parent of respondent SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 7.

- 8. Canadian Pacific Limited is the parent of respondent SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY. A list of affiliates or subsidiaries appears as Attachment 8.
- 9. The United States Steel Corporation is the parent of respondent BESSEMER AND LAKE ERIE RAILROAD CORPORATION; and Rio Grande Industries, Inc., is the parent of respondent DENVER AND RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY. No affiliate or subsidiary of either respondent has any securities outstanding in the hands of the public.
- 10. Respondent CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORA-TION has no parent. Its only subsidiary with securities outstanding in the hands of the public is Canada Southern Railway Company.
- 11. Respondent ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAIL-ROADS is an association of railroads operating in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, whose members comprise over 90% of the trackage and freight revenue in the United States.

ATTACHMENT 1

Respondents: Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

Seaboard System Railroad, Inc. Western Maryland Railway Company

Related Companies:

Akron and Barberton Belt Railroad Company, The

Akron Union Passenger Depot Company,

The

Allegheny and Western Railway Company Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company Augusta and Summerville Railroad Company Baltimore and Cumberland Valley Rail Road

Extension Company, The

Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal

Railroad Company

Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad Company, The

Beaver Street Tower Company Belt Railway Company of Chicago

Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Company

Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad

Central Florida Pipeline Corporation

Central Railroad Company of South Carolina, The

Central Transfer Railway and Storage Company

Chatham Terminal Company

Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company

Clearfield and Mahoning Railway Company Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railroad Company, The

Dayton and Michigan Railroad Company Dayton and Union Railroad Company First Georgia Development Corporation

Fruit Growers Express Company Green Real Estate Company

Home Avenue Railroad Company

Lakefront Dock and Railroad Terminal Company, The

Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railway Company

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Monongahela Railway Company, The Nashville & Decatur Railroad Company National Mine Service Company Nicholas, Fayette and Greenbrier Railroad

Company

Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company

Paducah & Illinois Railroad Company

Richmond, Fredricksburg & Potomac Railroad Company Richmond-Washington Company Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis Trailer Train Company Tylerdale Connecting Railroad Company, The Winchester and Potomac Railroad Company, The Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company

Woodstock & Blocton Railway Company

ATTACHMENT 2

Burlington Northern Railroad Company Respondent: Related Belt Railway Company of Chicago, The Companies: BN Financial Services, Inc. Burlington Northern Airmotive, Inc. Burlington Northern International Services, Inc. Burlington Northern Railway Company Butte Pipe Line Company Camas Praire Railroad Company Chicago Union Station Company Colt Intermodal Inc. Davenport, Rock Island and North Western Railway Company Denver Union Terminal Railway Company, The El Paso Company Galveston Terminal Railway Company Glacier Park Company Glacier Park Liquidating Company Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company Iowa Transfer Railway Company Kansas City Terminal Railway Company

Keokuk Union Depot Company Lake Superior Terminal and Transfer Railway Company, The Longview Switching Company Meridian Land & Mineral Company Milestone Petroleum, Inc. Minnesota Transfer Railway Company, The New Mexico and Arizona Land Company Paducah & Illinois Railroad Company Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Portal Pipeline Company Portland Terminal Railroad Company Pueblo Union Depot and Railroad Company, The R-M Holdings Corporation St. Paul Union Depot Company, The Trailer Train Company Wichita Union Terminal Railway Company, The Winona Bridge Railway Company

ATTACHMENT 3

Respondent: Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Company

Related Companies: Iowa Transfer Railway Company Kansas City

Terminal Railway Company Lake Superior Terminal & Transfer Railway Company of the State of

Wisconsin, The Minnesota Transfer Railway Company, The Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Company

Railbox Company St. Pual Union Depot Company Trailer Train Company

ATTACHMENT 4

Respondent: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company

Related A. B. Estrella

Companies: Abex Finangaria, S.r.l.

Abex Finanziaria

Abex Fluid Power Limited

A. B. Estrella

Abex A/S Abex Corporation

Abex Denison Limited Abex Finangaria, S.r.l.

Abex Finanziaria

Abex Fluid Power Limited

Abex Ges. m.b.H. Abex G.m.b.H.

Abex Industrial, S.A.

Abex Industries, A.B. Abex Industries Ltd.

Abex Industries Ltd. Abex Industries, S.A.

Abex International Holdings Limited

Abex International, S.A. Abex Mead Limited

Abex Paqid Equipement S.A. Abex Pagid Reibbelag G.m.b.H.

Ac'cent International De Mexico, S.A. De C.V.

Ac'cent International, Inc.

ACR Maine, Inc.

Almacenes Refrigerantes, S.A. De C.U.

Alton Manufacturing Company American Brake Shoe Company

American Refrigeration Products, S.A.

Amsco Mexicana S.A.

Atherton Silencers Limited

Au Gourmet Foods De Luxe, Inc.

Basingstake Foods Limited Belt Ry. Co. Birmingham Exhaust Equipment Company Limited Black Diamond, Inc. Blanchard-Nus Limited Blue Island Railroad Company Bolingbrook 55 Corp. Boston Bean Pot, Inc. Bridgewater Machine Company Bubble-Up Company, Inc. Buffalo Refrigerating Company, Inc. Butcher Boy Refrigerator Door Co. Centigon, Inc. Chandevsson Electric Company Chesley Industries, Inc. Chicago Intermodal Company Colony Financial Corporation Compet Corporation Cobreg Cia. Brasileira de Equipamentos Cornish Canners Limited Cosmic Enterprises, Inc. Cosmic Stores, Inc. Cove Development Corporation Covex S.r.L. Cutcher Canning Co., Inc. Cypress Bend Corporation Dad's Root Beer Company Denison Hydraulics Company, The Denison Hydraulics India Limited Denison Hydraulics, Japan Ltd. Diablitos Mexicanos, S.A. Diablitos Venegolanas, C.A. Do-Ray Lamp Co. Ltd. Environ of Inverrary, Inc. Exhaust Specialists Limited

Frendo-Abex S.p.A. Fren-Do Sud S.p.A. Friend Brothers, Inc.

Frolic Homes, Inc.

Gas Welding, Inc.

Genadco Advertising Agency, Inc.

Grupo De Frigeracion Industrial y Comercial.

S.A. de C.V.

GM&O Land Company

Gulf Transport Company

Harry Peck & Co.

Havana Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.

Helvetia Leasing Corporation

Helvetia Milk Condensing Company, Inc.

Helvetia Properties, Inc.

Helvetia Redevelopment Corporation

Hi-Q Products Company

Hussmann Acceptance Co.

Hussmann Acceptance Co. Canada Limited

Hussmann Corporation

Hussmann Distributing Company, Inc.

Husmann Equipment Limited

Hussmann International Inc.

Hussman Refrigeration Ltd.

Hussmann Store Equipment, Ltd.

Huth Manufacturing Corporation

IC Acquisition Company

IC Equipment Leasing Inc.

IC Industries, Inc.

IC Industries Finance Corporation, N.V.

IC Industries Insurance Co. Ltd.

IC Leasing, Inc.

IC Products Company

Iconic, Inc.

ICP Holding Corp.

Illinois Center Corporation

Illinois Central Export Corporation

Illinois Central Industries, Inc.

Industrias Frigorificas, S.A. de. C.V.

International Parts Corporation International Parts Manufacturing, Ltd. International Stamping Company, Inc. J. H. Senior and Company Limited Jefferson SWRR Co. Joliet Union Depot Co. Kansas City Terminal Co. Ken-Craft Products. Inc. Kensington and Eastern RR Co. Kentuckiana Bottlers, Inc. Kolmer Products Corporation Krack Corporation Lakes Entrance Processors Pty. Limited Laura Scudder's, Inc. Le Silencieux, S. A. Lincoln Financial, Inc. Lloyds Abex Limited Lloyds (Burton) Ltd. Mayflower Products Limited Mexican Holding Co. Mid-America Improvement Corporation Midas Australia Pty. Ltd. Midas Automotive Ltd. Midas Canada, Inc. Midas Euro., Inc. Midas International Corporation Midas Muffler (Vic.) Pty., Limited Midas Properties, Inc. Midas Realty Corporation Midas Realty Corporation of Canada Midas S.A. Midas Silencers Centres U.K. Limited Midas Silencers Ltd. Midas Steel Processing Services, Inc. Midas Truck Body, Inc. Milady Foods, Inc. Mississippi Valley Corporation

Missouri Speciality Spirits, Inc.

Muffler Corporation of America 905 Wine and Spirits, Inc. Norris Homes, Inc. North Carolina Corp. Oak Village Development Corp. Old Brazos Forge, Inc. 1. 2. 3 Auto Service GmbH 1. 2. 3 Auto Service GmbH & Co. Paducah & Illinois RR Co. Palmer Refrigeration Limited Parmaco Products, Ltd. Peoria & Pekin Union Ry. Co. Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers, Inc. Pet Incorporated (Delaware) Pet Incorporated (Wyoming) Pet International Sales Inc. Pet Milk Company Petrodyne S.A. Petsub. Inc. Pet Warehousing Company of California Port 400 Holding Company Potteries Exhaust Centre Limited Refrigeracion Frio Lux, S.A.I. Richardson & Robbins Co. S.A. Ateliers et Fonderies B. Piret S&T of Mississippi, Inc. S&T South, Inc. St. Louis Lithographing Company C. Shippam, Limited Siprof S.A. South Chicago Railroad Co., The South Properties, Inc. Southland Canning & Packing Co., Inc. Spartanburg Dairy, Inc. Stanray Corporation Star Cooler Corporation Stephen F. Whitman & Son, Inc. Stuckey's, Inc.

Stuckey's Stores, Inc.
Sundaram-Abex Limited
Terminal RR Assn.—St. Louis
TI Midas Limited
Trailer Train Co.
Uni-Abex Alloy Products Limited
Vendome Stores, Inc.
Violet Packing Co., The
Walsall Exhaust Centre Limited
Waterloo Railroad Company
William Underwood Company
Wine & Spirits Enterprises, Inc.
Winebrenner Corporation, The
Wolverhampton Exhaust Centre Limited

ATTACHMENT 5

Respondents: Missouri Pacific Railroad Company Union Pacific Railroad Company

Related Companies:

Alton & Southern Railway Company, The American Refrigerator Transit Company Arkansas & Memphis Railway Bridge and

Terminal Company Belt Railway of Chicago Bitter Creek Coal Company

Brownsville & Matamoros Bridge Company

Calnev Pipe Line Company

Camas Prairie Railroad Company

Champlin Canada Ltd. Champlin Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Champlin Gas Processing Company

Champlin International Petroleum Company

Champlin Mid-Continent Corporation

Champlin Mid-Continent Crude Oil Pipeline,

Inc.

Champlin Mid-Continent Marketing, Inc.

Champlin MId-Continent Products Pipeline, Inc.

Champlin Mid-Continent Refining, Inc.

Champlin Petrochemicals, Inc.

Champlin Petroleum Company

Champlin Pipeline, Inc.

Champlin Trading Company

Chicago & Western Indiana Railway Company

Chicago Heights Terminal Transfer Railroad Company

Denver Union Terminal Railway Company, The

Des Chutes Railroad Company

Doniphan, Kensett & Searcy Railway

Elk Mountain Coal Company

Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company

Great Southwest Railroad, Inc.

Hanna Basin Coal Company

Harbor Service Stations, Inc.

Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company Jefferson Southwestern Railroad Company

Kanda Development Company

Kansas City Terminal Railway Company

Longview Switching Company

Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company

Missouri Improvement Company

Missouri Pacific Airfreight, Inc.

Missouri Pacific Equipment Corp.

Missouri Pacific Intermodal Transport, Inc.

Missouri Pacific Truck Lines, Inc.

Mount Hood Railway Company

MP Redevelopment Corporation

MRT Exploration Company

Ogden Union Railway and Depot Company,

The

Oregon Short Line Railroad Company Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation

Company

Overthrust Pipeline, Inc.

Pacific Rail System, Inc.

Pacific Subsidiary, Inc. Park Spring, Inc.

Panola Pipeline, Inc.

Portland Terminal Railroad Company

Portland Traction Company

Prospect Point Coal Company

Pueblo Union Depot and Railroad Company,

The

Ric-Con Corporation

Rock Springs Royalty Company

Rocky Mountain Energy Company

RM Leasing Company

St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway

Company, The St. Joseph Terminal Railroad Company Southern Illinois and Missouri Bridge

Company

Spokane International Railroad Company Stauffer Chemical Company of Wyoming

Stonegate Park, Inc.

Terminal Industrial Land Company

Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis

Texas City Terminal Railway Company

Texas & Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

Trailer Train Company

Uinta Development Company

Union Pacific Finance N.P.

Union Pacific Foundation

Union Pacific Freight Services Company

Union Pacific Fruit Express Company

Union Pacific Land Resources Corporation

Union Pacific Motor Freight

Union Pacific Resources Corporation

Union Pacific Resources Ltd.
Upland Industries Corporation
UP Leasing Corporation
Wasatch Indusance Limited
Weatherford Mineral Wells and
Northwestern Railway Co., The
Winton Coal Company
Yakima Valley Transportation Company

ATTACHMENT 6

Respondents: Norfolk & Western Railway Company

Southern Railway Company

Related Airforce Pipeline, Inc.

Companies: Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company,

The

Algers, Winslow and Western Railway

Company

Arrowood-Southern Company

Arrowood-Southern Executive Park, Inc.

Athens Belt Line Railroad Company

Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway

Company, The

Atlanta Terminal Company

Atlantic and East Carolina Railway Company

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Company

Augusta and Summerville Railroad Company

Beaver Street Tower Company Birmingham Terminal Company Blue Ridge Railway Company

Camp Lejeune Railroad Company Central of Georgia Railroad Company

Central Transfer Railway and Storage

Company

Charlotte-Southern Corporation Chatham Terminal Company

Chattanooga Station Company

Chattanooga Terminal Railway Company Chesapeake Western Railway

Cincinatti, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company

Cincinnati Southern Railway

Citico Realty Company

Danville and Western Railway Company Dereco, Inc.

Durham and South Carolina Railroad

Company

Elberton Southern Railway Company Fairport, Painesville and Eastern Railway Company

Fort Wayne Union Railway Company 1575 Eye Street Associates (Limited Partnership)

Georgia Midland Railway Company, The Georgia Northern Railway Company, The Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company

High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company

Interstate Railroad Company

Lake Erie Dock Company

Lambert's Point Docks, Incorporated Lenoir Car Works

Live Oak, Perry and South Georgia Railway Company

Louisiana Southern Railway Company Memphis and Charleston Railway Company Mobile and Birmingham Railroad Company Norfolk Southern Railway Company Northern Ohio Food Terminal, Inc. NW Equipment Corporation Pacahontas Development Corporation Pocahontas Kentucky Corporation

Pocahontas Land Corporation

Akron & Barberton Belt Railroad Company, The

Nickel Plate Improvement Company, Inc., The

Scioto Valley and New England Railroad Company, The

Shenandoah-Virginia Corporation Toledo Belt Railway Company, The

National Investment Company, The New Orleans Terminal Company

Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company

Norfolk Southern Industrial Development Corporation

North Carolina Midland Railroad Company, The

North Carolina Railroad Company, The North Charleston Terminal Company Ocean Steamship Company of Savannah

Pine Brook Center Limited (Limited Partnership)

Queen City Developers (Limited Partnership) Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company

Richmond-Washington Company St. Johns River Terminal Company 700 North Fairfax Street Limited

Partnership

The South Western Rail Road Company Southern Rail Terminals, Inc. Southern Rail Terminals of Alabama Inc. Southern Rail Terminals of North Carolina, Inc.

Southern Railway-Carolina Division Southern Region Coal Trnsport, Inc. Southern Region Distribution Services, Inc. Southern Region Industrial Realty, Inc. Southern Region Investment Company Southern Region Materials Supply, Inc.
Southern Region Motor Transport, Inc.
State University Railroad Company
Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia Railway
Company
Tennessee Railway Company
Terminal Properties, Inc.
Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis
Trailer Train Company
Transylvania Railroad Company
Virginia Holding Corporation
Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company
Wabash Railroad Company
Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company,
The

Woodstock & Blocton Railway Company Yadkin Railroad Company

ATTACHMENT 7

Respondents: Santa Fe Industries, Inc.

Southern Pacific Transportation Company

Related Companies:

Arkansas & Memphis Railway Bridge &

Terminal Company

Bankers Leasing and Financial Corporation Central California Traction Company Evergreen Leasing Corporation

Ogden Union Railway & Depot Company, The

Pacific Fruit Express Company Portland Terminal Railroad Company

Portland Traction Company Santa Fe Energy Company Santa Fe Natural Resources, Inc.

St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company

Trailer Train Company

ATTACHMENT 8

Respondent: Soo Line Railroad Company

Related Algoma Steel Corporation, Limited, The

Companies: AMCA Holdings (U.K.) Limited AMCA International Limited

AMCA International Limited American Reinforcing Inc. Amtel Chimie et Plastiques

Arrendadora Korco, S.A. de C.V. (Mexico)

Bilsa, S.A.

Bomag Australia PTY Ltd. Bomag-Nenck B.m.b.H.

Bomag S.A.F.

Brosses Osborn S.A.

Brushes International PLC (U.K.) Brushes International do Brazil Canada Line Agencies Limited, The

Canada Line Limited, The

Canada Line Services Limited, The Canadian Pacific Enterprises Limited Canadian Pacific Oil and Gas Norway A/S

CanPac Maritime Agencies Limited

Cascade Pipe Line Limited

Cherry Burrell Holdings Corporation

Cominco Ltd.
Compaloe

Corporate Foods Limited Dandix, Inc. (U.S.A.)

Dendix Brushes Limited (U.K.) Desa Industries (U.K.) Limited

Dominion Atlantic Railway Company, The

Dominion Bridge Sultzer, Inc. Eastern Bakeries Limited

Energy Development (Management) Limited

Falt Towing Ltd.

Gem Power Brushes, Limited (U.K.) Giddings & Lewis Foundation Inc.

Great Lakes Forest Products Limited Greenex A/S Hawaiian Western Steel Limited Intrumentation Services, S.A. Imodco International Inc. KCL Leasing Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company, The Koering Leasing Koering Leasing Partners Kremzar Gold Mines Limited Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Junction Railway Company, The Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, The Lake St. Joseph Iron Inc. Litwin Arabia Ltd. Litwin (U.K.) Limited Manitoba and North Western Railway Company of Canada Maple Shipping Company (U.K.) Limited Marathon Aviation Terminals Limited Massawippi Valley Railway Company Mayo Forest Products Ltd. Montreal and Atlantic Railway Company, the National Hardware Specialties Limited Nippon Bomag C., Ltd. (Japan) OTM Limited Ontario and Quebec Railway Company Orbs-Johnson Systems, Inc. Osborn Foundry Machinery, Ltd. Osborn International G.m.b.H. (W. Germany)

PanCanadian Petroleum Denmark A/S PanCanadian Petroleum Limited Pine Point Mines Limited Pitt Street Developments Limited Polytec S.A.R.L. Princeton Gold Mines Limited
Ptarmigan Mines Limited
Robison Mines Limited
Rycon Mines Limited
Societe Anonyme des Machines Osborn
(France)
St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company,
The
Steep Rock Resources Inc.
Sunloch Mines Limited
Sunro Mines Limited (N.P.L.)
T.E.B.A. B.V.I.O. (The Netherlands)
Telesat Canada

Telesat Canada
Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company
Toronto Terminals Railway Company, The
Trailer Train Company
Vestgron Mines Limited
Village Green Mall Ltd.
Vol Mines Limited
Webb Jarratt & Company Limited
Western Fabricators Inc.
Western Metal Products Inc.